

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant (formerly Tracy Pumping Plant)

The C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant is a key component of the Central Valley Project, one of the world's largest and best-known systems for storing and moving water. The nearby Tracy Fish Collection Facility is operated in conjunction with the pumping plant to protect and salvage fish from pump operations.

The facility was constructed from 1947 to 1951 and is named after C.W. "Bill" Jones, who served as president of the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Association/Authority for 20 years and was a pioneer in water service development in the San Joaquin Valley.

The plant, operated by the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority for the Bureau of Reclamation, lifts water nearly 200 feet from the Delta into the Delta-Mendota Canal through 15-foot diameter pipes with six 22,500-horsepower motors capable of pumping a total of 8,500 acre-feet per day. The Delta-Mendota Canal extends nearly 120 miles to the south, ending at Mendota, Calif. The CVP water is also conveyed with pumping units to the San Luis Reservoir for deliveries to CVP contractors through the San Luis Canal.

For more information on C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant, please visit:
<http://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=14782>